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PRICE THREE CENTS.

Fur Neckwear For X-mas Gifts.

Our Motto.—SOMETHING USEFUL.

What lady would not like a new fur for Xmas? This is the greatest fur season ever known. Your costume looks finished with a pretty fur.

ONE LOT black coney, long, 6 tails, and cord. \$2.50
ONE LOT large collar, fine wearing fur, brown and black, 8 tails, \$5.00
ONE LOT of fine brown fur, fur lined at neck, very long fasteners with ornament and hook, flat, satin lined below fasteners, 8 tails. \$10.00
Many other styles and prices up to \$18.00

LADIES' and MISSES' COATS MARKED DOWN.

Our coats were cheap at the regular price; now they are genuine bargains. We have marked them down very early, thereby giving you a chance to wear them longer. Come early, for the best ones are going fast.

ONE LOT Black and Oxford, three quarter length, satin lined; was \$12.50, now \$10.00
ONE LOT Kersey, in black and castor, were \$10, now \$7.50
ONE LOT black and dark blue, capes lined: were \$8.50, now \$5.00

CHILDREN'S COATS.

What little girl would not like a new coat? A very serviceable gift.

ONE LOT of blue, red and castor, all wool goods, large sailor collar, trimmed with white braid, lined, only \$2.98

ONE LOT long coats, of zibeline, in blue, green, and brown mixed, very warm and stylish, \$5.00

ONE LOT Misses' coats, of heavy material, trimmed with braid and buttons, belt; was \$5, now \$3.50
It will pay you to look over our large stock.

DRESSING SACQUES.

Nearly every woman would like one of these warm garments; they are so convenient to slip on cool mornings.

WE HAVE ONE LOT of flannelette, medium-dark, trimmed with narrow braid, lined, 87 Cents

ONE LOT Kimonos, of flannelette, light colors, and wide bands of dark, large sleeve, \$1.00

ONE LOT sacques of good eiderdown, in red, blue, pink, and gray, edged with worsted, fastens with frogs, \$1.50

ONE LOT of fine heavy eiderdown, large collar, and front trimmed with three rows braid, fastens with cord and tassel, \$1.98

NIGHT GOWNS.

Gowns of Outing flannel are used a great deal, because they are so warm and cheap.

ONE LOT outing gowns, in pink and blue stripe, trimmed with braid, sizes 14 to 17, 50 Cents

ONE LOT of good heavy outing, edge of collar and cuff overcast with silk, regular colors, good length, and full; sizes 14 to 19, \$1.00

ONE LOT of fine heavy outing, plain colors, tucked yoke, with white silk, good sizes, \$1.75

UNDERSKIRTS.

Get one of these warm skirts and defy the cold.

ONE LOT of good outing, with flounce, edged with 3-in. lace, 50 cts.

ONE LOT of best outing, in plain colors, two flounces, over-cast edges, pretty and warm, 98 Cents

SHIRT WAISTS.

Waists make pretty and acceptable gifts. We have just received a new line, making our stock larger than ever for Xmas.

ONE LOT all-wool flannel, front and back tucked, back lined, stylish, \$1.49

ONE LOT all-wool nun's veiling, in red, blue, pink, and white. Yoke with shirring, tabs with white buttons, lined, \$2.50

ONE LOT all-wool cashmere, back and sleeve tucked, yoke with shirring, front embroidered, very neat and pretty, \$2.98

ONE LOT of plain and metal printed velvet, tucked, stitched with white silk, \$3.50

WHITE WAISTS of vestings in several styles, very neat, only \$1.98

DRESS GOODS.

Our dress goods department is one of our largest. Here you will find almost anything from goods for the baby's dress to the best black suitings.

A dress pattern from any of the new or staple goods, Zibeline, Armuer, Granites, Cheviots, Novelty Suitings, Nun's Veiling or Cashmere, would be a nice present for anyone. Prices lowest to be found on quality of goods.

Thomas Smiley
Telephone 112-2.
NORWAY MAINE.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

"Be merry all, be merry all!
With holly dress the festive hall;
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,
To welcome merry Christmas!"
Jan. 7, 1904.

Remember the date,
Walter Powers of Newry, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Allen of West Bethel, was in town Friday.

Mrs. A. M. Bean of East Bethel, was in the village Tuesday.

Next Tuesday the W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mrs. O. M. Mason made a business trip to Berlin, N. H., Monday.

Miss Miriam Herrick is spending her Christmas recess with her father.

Mr. W. A. Bunting and family returned to Groveton, N. H., Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Andrews who has been quite ill for the past ten days, is convalescing.

Mrs. A. G. Wiley of Portland, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. F. L. Edwards.

Mrs. Blake, and son Lester of Yarmouth, who have been visiting Mrs. Blake's sister, Mrs. I. C. Jordan, have returned home.

Letters for the following are advertised at the postoffice:

Mr. Crawford McCausland.
Mr. D. W. Smith.

Bethel souvenir postal cards are now on sale at L. C. Hall's, two cents each. Can't you use a few for Christmas?

Mr. W. J. Wheeler was recently in our village and put a piano into the homes of Mr. Ceylon Rowe and Mr. Albert Frost.

Mr. Ira Jordan has been quite ill the past week, and Mr. Harry Jordan is now a victim of the distemper that is prevailing.

Mrs. Colby of Berlin, N. H., who with her two little daughters has been visiting her sister, Miss Lillian Stearns, returned to her home Tuesday, accompanied by Mr. Colby.

In the preliminary trials for the Bowdoin College Dramatic Club held recently, Edwin LaForest Harvey qualified for one of the parts in "She Stoops to Conquer," which the club is soon to stage. Mr. Harvey is well-known to Bethel theatre goers who have been pleased by his efforts in the past and wish him his usual success in this undertaking.

January 7 is the date.

On Saturday, January 2, 1904, there will be an auction sale on the premises formerly occupied by the late Jacob Annas. This sale will be held at one p. m. when the following will be sold: Two cows, one two-year-old heifer, one yearling heifer, two calves; eight or nine tons of hay, one lot of straw, one cultivator, one harrow, one grindstone, one farm wagon, one riding wagon, one sleigh, one horse sled, harness, household-furniture, bedding, dishes, etc.

The recent fall of snow has given business a start in lumbering lines. Hauling has begun and many operators who have a large part of their season's cut already yarded will push the work of getting the timber to the landings as early as possible. Mr. Edwin H. Smith who purchased the standing timber on the William L. Chapman lot near Bethel village, has had a crew at work all the fall, and has cleaned the lot of all excepting the pine. He has cut some 100 cords of wood and about 300 cords of pulp timber, besides cedar, etc. There will be about 100,000 of pine which comes to the mill of Mr. I. S. Morrill. This pine is now being hauled. Mr. Morrill is now cutting birch from the D. S. Hastings lot. Mr. E. S. Kilborn will probably put in 400 cords of birch to be manufactured at Morrill's mill, besides a large quantity of pine.

A merry Christmas to all our readers.

M. A. Hastings of Lancaster, N. H., is visiting in town.

J. L. Dyer is in town for a few days from Bethlehem, Penn.

Alton Richardson is home from the U. of M. for the holidays.

Miss Mildred Tuell is home from Bangor for the holidays.

Do you know that the correct date is Thursday, Jan. 7, 1904?

Mr. Willard Wight of North Newry, was in the village Tuesday.

Mr. T. J. Foster is improving, so he is out of doors in pleasant weather.

Mr. F. B. Merrill is home from the Harvard Law school to spend the holidays.

Mr. M. S. Coburn of East Bethel, killed a porker last week, that weighed 460 lbs.

Mrs. G. R. Wiley who has been ill for a number of weeks, is convalescing slowly.

Mrs. Sidney Jodrey is to spend Christmas in Lewiston with her son and his family.

Miss Ethel Hammons, teacher in the grammar school at Oxford, was in the village Monday.

Mrs. R. A. Skillings of West Bethel, was the guest of her sister Mrs. F. L. Edwards, last week.

Miss Gladys E. Wood of Portland, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young.

Mrs. Eugene Martin is still with her mother at West Bethel, who is slowly recovering from a severe attack of grip.

Mrs. J. Norman Gehring and daughters of Portland, are visiting Mrs. Gehring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wiley.

We have been a little short of county news for the past few weeks. Will our correspondents make a little special effort to get it all?

Mrs. Eli Cushman has been ill since her return from Canada, where she was called by the death of her mother. At present Mrs. Cushman requires a nurse.

Christmas tree at the Congregational church Thursday evening, preceded by exercises by the children of the Sunday school. A Christmas supper will be served at six o'clock.

When you are ordering your "fixings" for the Christmas turkey, remember that R. E. L. Farwell has everything in that line. Also grapes, and candy and nuts for the children's stockings.

Mr. E. C. Rowe has been confined to his bed the past week the result of a fall by which his knee was severely injured. He was able to be in his store Tuesday, though walking with difficulty.

Jan. 6 is the date of the illustrated number. The size and date of issue is at last determined. It will contain twenty-four pages, and will have about sixty half-tone illustrations. Don't fail to get a few copies and send to your friends.

Mr. W. W. Hastings has recently purchased the buildings at the corner of Broad and Main streets, known as Chapman block. With the acquisition of this property he becomes the owner of all the property on Main street from Cole block to the building now used as the Bethel Library.

Mrs. Nora A. Marsden came home last week to spend a short vacation with her children who live with her mother, Mrs. Ellen M. Burbank, on Railroad street. Mrs. Marsden who has been head nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital for the past four years, was recently unanimously elected as night superintendent of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital in Philadelphia, and enters on her duties Jan. 1. While the management of the Massachusetts Hospital let her go with deepest regret, yet they are pleased by her well earned advancement. Although Mrs. Marsden's Bethel friends have seen very little of her during her hospital career, they feel the honor she bestows on her native town, and all unite in wishing her continued success.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

Can't find time to write an advertisement this week.
Will just remind you my stock of holiday goods was large this year and although the demand has been great I still have many desirable gifts on hand from 25 cents up

Among the Different Things are:

Watches

LADIES' WATCHES in gold, silver and nickle cases.
Prices from \$4.00 to \$32.00
GENTLEMEN'S WATCHES, a large stock cased in various metals.
From \$5.00 to \$35.00
BOYS' WATCHES that will make the youngster's heart glad and teach him punctuality.
Prices \$1.00, \$1.50, 2.00, \$2.50.

Chains.

A large line of Simmons' chains and various cheaper grades; up-to-date styles.
Vests chains \$0.50 to \$7.00
Lorgnette Chains, \$1.50 to \$7.00
Fobs, all the go this year for both ladies and gentlemen.
Price 85c to \$4.50

Rings.

My stock of rings is a large one containing all the popular stones.
I have some bargains in diamonds purchased before the last advance in price.
Price \$8.50 to \$40.00
Other stones, all solid gold setting.
Price \$1.00 to \$10.00
Plain and chased rings.
Gents' stone rings and Baby rings.

Chatelaines, Brooches & Pins

of all kinds, rapping from solid gold, diamond and pearl set, at \$14.00, down to attractive silver and plated ones at 25c and 50c

Cuff Buttons.

Often when perplexed as to what to give father, brother, or gentleman friend a pair of cuff buttons will happily solve the problem. An extra pair is useful.
Prices from 50c for silver and plated ones, to \$5.00 and \$6.00 for 14 kt. gold, diamond mounted ones in dainty case.
Price 50c to \$6.00

Bracelets.

Every girl likes a bracelet. My large assortment includes chain, Netherlands and adjustable bracelets.
Prices 50c to \$5.00

Burnt Work.

Don't leave the store without carefully looking over the extensive line of burnt work I have. A line of goods sold from Maine to Florida, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. My line includes among other things, Calendars, Dollies, Picture Frames, Dusters, Purses, Pocket Books, Jewel Cases, Cigar Cases,

Card Cases, Court Plaster Cases, Stamp Cases, Tobaccos Bags, Blotters, Photo Albums, Nut Bowls, Vases, Mirrors, Work Boxes, Ink Wells, Paper Knives, Etc., Etc.
Price 25c to \$4.50

Birch Bark Indian Goods.

Picture Frames, Canoes, etc.
Price 25c to \$1.00

Silver Novelties.

A larger line than ever. Hat, Bonnet, Clothes, Nail, and Tooth Brushes. Nail Files, Button Covers, Paper Knives, Scissors, Shoe Horns, Match Boxes, Manicure Sets, Blotters, Darners, Bag Tags, Key Tags, etc.
Price 25c to \$4.50

Clocks

Large and small, nickel, Black wood, porcelain, gilt, etc.
Price \$1.00 to \$6.50

Silverware

Forks, Spoons, and fancy pieces in sterling and plate. Bon Bon Dishes, Toothpick Holders, Card Trays, Baking Dishes, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Tea Sets, etc.
Price 75c to \$7.20

My Store will be Open Tuesday and Thursday Evenings of Christmas Week.

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BETHEL,

MAINE.

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If you want to discontinue your paper, write to the publisher yourself, and don't leave it to the postmaster.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1903.

Tuition Problem Properly Adjusted.

At a meeting of the Bethel school board, held last Saturday, it was voted to pay the tuition at the Academy of several scholars who had been shut out by the town examinations. These are scholars who hold diplomas from our grammar school but did not pass the examination given the Academy students by our superintendent, and scholars who have done the work in the Academy at least one year and did not take the examination, or who took it but did not pass.

Inasmuch as the News has been something of a factor in connection with the new school problem, its position having been several times brought before the public by outside papers, a word of explanation may not be amiss at this time.

A few weeks subsequent to the enactment of the law in question, the State Educational Department issued its letter of instruction to the town school officers throughout the State, as is customary in the case of all new school legislation.

In view of the fact that free tuition would naturally cause a rush toward the Academy, one of the chief requirements was that the local school board should examine all scholars to ascertain whether or not they were up to grade before granting tuition. This idea was a highly commendable one but the plan for its execution contained a fatal loop-hole, as was proven by the outcome of things in our own town.

The local school authorities, acting under those instructions, proceeded to examine all scholars in the Academy to determine whether the town would pay their tuition or not. Some three-fourths of the students passed the required examinations and their bills for tuition were approved and paid. Those failing to pass their examination accepted their fate gracefully and paid their tuition.

Everything passed on in the even tenor of its way with, little comment, until the News, by mere accident, awoke one morning to find the whole situation at its door seeking admission; a hasty comment was made and apparently the matter dropped, but in reality, an investigation began, and when we learned that several of the scholars whose tuitions were refused were graduates of our grammar school and had diplomas, to use the street expression, it slightly jarred us. To think of scholars completing the only course of study that a town affords, being turned out into the world and then refused their tuition because they were not found by the same town to be qualified to take second grade work, seemed inconsistent. Had they jumped the last year in the grammar school as some have done that would have been another question.

We did not annoy our local school authorities as they were simply acting in obedience to the decree of the State Department, but we did issue a point blank protest to the State Superintendent of Schools. The outcome of the strict execution of his construction of the law as touching the two instances noted above was thoroughly discussed; and he was reminded that acting under those instructions an injustice had been done to several of our pupils, and his solution of the embarrassing problem was asked for. He immediately addressed a very pleasant reply, stating his sincere belief in and sympathy with the principle of the law, and his ambition to have it work to the satisfaction of all.

About one week later, he issued another letter of instruction to

The Small of the Back

That is where some people feel weak all the time.

They are likely to be despondent and it is not unusual to find them borrowing trouble as if they hadn't enough already.

The fact is their kidneys are weak, either naturally or because of sickness, exposure, worry or other influences.

"I am thankful to say," writes J. L. Campbell, of Sycamore, Ill., "that Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me. For many years I was troubled with backache. At times I was so bad I had to be helped from the bed or chair. I am now well and strong and free from pain."

What this great medicine did for him it has done for others.

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the school officers and academics, touching, among other things, the two points that had been referred to him. In this last letter, he states that students who hold grammar school certificates or who have maintained satisfactory standing in a second grade school for at least one year, may have their tuition paid without being required to take an examination. This is correct and the matter seems to be adjusted now to the satisfaction of all. The law is all right and has doubtless been handled conscientiously. The only difficulty has been in applying a general rule which was correct in the main but which needed to be slightly amended. The amendments have been gladly made, kindly assented to and we may now hope for a profitable operation of a commendable law.

Christmas Tree and Gathering at the M. E. Church.

Circumstances have necessitated a change of date and the Christmas anniversary will be observed on Christmas night, Dec. 25 instead of on Thursday evening as heretofore planned.

This will disappoint some, for which we are sorry, but after careful consideration the change seems best and quite necessary.

We have no special program to promise the public as the concert of last week will have to pass for the Christmas entertainment. Nevertheless on Friday afternoon and evening our church will be open to all who may have no other convenient place for transmission of gifts and gathering together. Our purpose, this year in preparing a tree is, pure and simple to make provision for those who cannot conveniently prepare home trees, and who would like the pleasure of spending Christmas night at the church.

Especially does this apply to the children. The tree will be prepared during Friday afternoon and the committee wish that so far as possible, gifts might be brought before 6.30 o'clock. The children will not be admitted until the decorations are complete as it will be a greater pleasure to them to view the tree after Santa Claus has finished his work. Santa has promised that each boy and girl shall receive a present if his pack holds out and there are not too many.

At 6.45 the doors will be open to all and at 7 o'clock there will be miscellaneous exercises including selections from the Phonograph. Come with us and let us enjoy this festive occasion together. Though we have no elaborate entertainment planned to which to invite our friends, yet we extend a cordial invitation to those of the other societies to be present with us if they have no other engagements.

A hearty handshake, a cordial greeting, a glad "Merry Christmas to you," makes a better observance of this anniversary than elaborate entertainments and may we not enjoy the "Unspeakable Gift," by getting together and speaking in our human language of this divine provision: Rich and poor, high and low, you will all be welcome in Christ's name.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Rev. A. D. Colson removed his family to Bethel last Friday, and is now settling his new home on Park street.

Mr. L. B. Hopkins is spending the week in town. He returns to his work in Pennsylvania Saturday.

Only one more day to buy a game of "Flinch" before Christmas. A very few games left at the News office.

Miss Effie Thurston of Newry, was in town to-day.

Away from Home.

Bethel is a wonderful little village in that it insists upon having personal interests at the ends of the earth. Let there be a Galveston disaster, and our quick sympathies are enlisted because our own old neighbors were among the sufferers. Is there a Cuban war? We have a soldier there. Are teachers called for in the Philippines? One responds who taught in Bethel. Is a great director wanted to organize and lead the finest Musical Club in New York, and to carry on the largest general musical project in New England? He is found to come from Bethel.

In a far-off eastern nation, he who wields the real power in the government and stands close behind the throne, has adopted Bethel as his heart's home, to which he will return in coming years.

Many of those who, especially in recent years, have walked our ways, loved our foot-hills and mountain ranges, are people whose lives are upon the broadest planes, and to know something about them as they leave our lovely land, often returning to wander over remembered by-ways of beauty, is perhaps to give us a new valuation of our environment, and to fill our lives with wider interests.

Last month an event occurred in Cambridge, Mass., that will mark an epoch in New England cultivation, namely: the opening of the Germanic Museum. We now have reproductions of Germany's most beautiful sculptural monuments, statues, shrines, arches and doorways—works of art one crosses the ocean to see—that can here be studied at leisure, and even more favorably than before many of the originals.

To see and hear President Eliot, Carl Schurz, Professor Von Jageman, the ambassador, Baron von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, with his lovely Argentine bride, who represented the Kaiser and the German embassy at Washington, that day, was to give one the greatest uplift of enthusiasm. But the man who created the situation, roused the interest, and by personal interviews influenced the bestowal of this royal gift to our art-poor country, whose exquisite prologue to the evening of German dramatic art was a masterpiece, and who was applauded as none other, when he arose to make his address was, Prof. Kuno Francke, curator of the Germanic Museum, professor of German Literature at Harvard, and he it was who climbed the hill-sides of Bethel last summer, and so loved this life as to let his feelings flow into beautiful poetic expression, and who honors Bethel by this love.

In Cambridge, with Miss Williston, and in Cleveland at The Hollenden, receptions were held for those who had been in Bethel, and it was a cordial little multitude that greeted and then rehearsed Bethel experiences. At the Cleveland reception Miss Elsie Weitz and Miss Berta Narten, lovingly remembered among us, assisted in receiving the guests.

Those who heard, three winters ago in Garland chapel, the charming story of social life in Japan, given by Mr. and Mrs. Jotham Potter, will be interested to know that their young sister, the Baroness Von Lutwitz and little daughter are in this country. Baron Von Lutwitz was on Lord Roberts' staff in Africa, and they are a part of the one hundred who form the private family of the Czar at St. Petersburg. A dinner given to the Bethelites that they might meet this exquisite combination of American beauty, tact and Christian womanhood, represented by Baroness Von Lutwitz, was made amusing by her interest in this little New England hamlet, in contrast to a life spent amid palaces. And as for Mr. and Mrs. Potter, but for an inevitable change in plans their only son would have fitted for Princeton College at Gould's Academy—so great is their appreciation of what Bethel can give a boy.

At Mrs. Rattle's home, Sunny-side, rightly named now that its charming mistress is restored to health, Madam Cary awaited us with inquiries about Bethel. This most interesting traveler who has crossed the Atlantic sixteen times, and journeyed round the world, found interests in many subjects and objects when with us such as are only seen by those who have eyes opened through cultivation.

She made the trees of Bethel her special study and delight.

Mr. Wentworth Marshall has bought a magnificent place of two hundred and ten acres near Cleveland, and will erect a thirty thousand dollar home thereon. In deciding upon its site he chose the one that took in a beautiful horizon of hills. "Because they make me think of Bethel."

Miles away from the village, these last two summers, two pedestrians have been met by people driving into town, and admiring and wondering eyes have followed Mrs. and Miss Parson's elastic figures as they found daily delight in knowing every by-way as well as highway for miles around our village. At a dinner given in their beautiful city home, one wish was dominant. "Ah, to see Bethel in winter!"

Mr. L. E. Holden, whom Bethel has the happiest reasons for remembering, entertained the travelers at his magnificent place at Glenville, a suburb of Cleveland. The stately grey stone mansion rises from its natural surroundings as though it merely expressed its owner's appreciation of the wonderful beauty of the situation upon the shore of Lake Erie. Inside the house the corners of the earth have contributed to its decoration, while the art-treasures are such as one only expects to see in public museums. A beautiful library and art museum stands within the grounds, and when one sees that the mother and daughters of the family are all gifted with special talents, he adds a mental affirmation to the saying "L. E. Holden was born under a lucky star." Mr. Holden's interest in Bethel has already been given practical expression, and Gould's Academy, its present and future, was a topic in earnest conversation.

Amid the pageantry of the Waldorf-Astoria Mr. Carington of amateur photography fame came for a Bethel greeting. Mr. Carington's views of Bethel are considered little art-treasures, as no one else has seen with his eyes what Bethel has to offer to the art-student.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chapman at the famous Horse Show—the greatest fashion display of this country,—we all still felt that a seat under the swaying pines at Riverside Park, with the blue encircling hills, would be a far more lasting source of interest. And in New York a Bethel welcome was also loyally claimed from Miss Ami Mueller just arriving with her widowed mother from Europe, with the expression, "I am a Bethel exile. Ah, for a Bethel Christmas!"

Back in Boston at a dinner given by Prof. and Mrs. Tausig that the Bethel wanderers might meet with some famous men and their no-less interesting wives, the master and mistress of the elegant home were planning how to order their future lives so that they could adopt something akin to the wood-life enjoyed in Bethel.

Professor Brannan and Professor Williston have been missed and then welcomed back among us, while the loss of the beloved presence which was like a benediction in the death of Dr. Everett, Dean of Harvard Divinity School—is irreparable.

The famous ornithologist, curator of the Agassiz Museum, Wm. Brewster of Cambridge selects from his mass of correspondence the Bethel News for a weekly perusal.

Other charming Bethel enthusiasts there are—a score, more than well worth the knowing! They have left memories of generous, helpful deeds and aids to this village that have endeared them to us all.

What then can we call this article if not, "A Bethel Appreciation?"

Supposing Jacob's dream should become to us, as to him, a reality. Supposing that we, too, should see a ladder of effort reaching from earth to heaven, with helpful angels (some we have perchance "entertained unawares") descending to meet and lift us, ascending to beckon and inspire us, and that, recognizing our possibilities, we should idealize the real, until at life's patient ending we may find, perhaps, that in so doing we have realized our ideals, and our Bethel, so interpreted, may become to us, as to one of old—the "Gate of Heaven."

MARIAN TRUE GERRING.

Don't Forget

While doing your Christmas Shopping, that one of the best places to get bargains is at L. M. Stearns'.

Fancy Box Stationery from 10 cents to 25 cents.

Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Soap Boxes,

Tooth Brush Cases, Burnt Leather, Mirrors,

Pictures, Dolls, Ink Wells, Money Purses,

Aprons, Tray Cloths, Towels, Table Damask,

Gentlemen's Neckties, Mufflers and Braces,

Perfumes from 5 cents to 25 cents.

I also have Ladies' Furnishings including

Night Robes, 87 cents, \$1.00, and \$1.25.

Millinery at Reduced Prices.

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Main Street.

Bethel, Maine.

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Vases, and more than 203

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THE BLUES

Don't Wait Until Your Sufferings Have Driven You to Despair, With Your Nerves All Shattered and Your Courage Gone.

When a cheerful, brave, light-hearted woman is suddenly plunged into that perfection of misery, the blues, it is a sad picture. It is usually this way:

She has been feeling "out of sorts" for some time; head has ached, and back also; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling. Her doctor says: "Cheer up; you have dyspepsia; you will be all right soon."

But she does not get "all right." She grows worse day by day, till all at once she realizes that a distressing female complaint is established. Her doctor has made a mistake.

She has lost faith in him; hope vanishes; then comes the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting blues.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1903.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.15
Gilead,	4.25	8.38	3.30
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47	3.41
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lookes Mills,		9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	5.36	9.30	4.40
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30	5.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	A. M.	P. M.	
Boston, via boat,	12.45	4.10	

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.15	9.18
Lookes Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.28
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.46
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.59
Gorham,	11.30	5.20	10.25
Island Pond,	A. M.	P. M.	
Montreal,	6.50	7.20	
Toronto,	7.15	7.40	
Chicago,	8.45	7.20	

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M., East and 9.37 P. M., runs every day; all others every day except Sunday. Sunday paper train leaves Portland at 8.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 11.14 A. M., and at Berlin 12.15 P. M. Returning leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel 5.05 P. M.

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"Mis' Brown got discouraged. Yer see Deacon Brown, he'd got a way of blaming everything onto her. I don't suppose the deacon meant it—'twas just his way—but it's awful wearing. When things wore out or broke, he acted just as if Mis' Brown did it herself on purpose. And they all caught it, like the measles or whooping cough."

"An' the minister a-telling how the Deacon brought his young wife here when 'twan't nothing but a wilderness, and how patiently she bore hardships, and what a good wife she had been! Now, the minister wouldn't have known anything about that if the Deacon hadn't told him. Dear, dear! if he'd only told Mis' Brown herself what he thought, I believe he might have saved the funeral. And when the minister said how the children would miss their mother, seemed as though they couldn't stand it, poor things."

"Well, I guess it's true enough; Mis' Brown was always doing for some of them. When they was singing about sweet rest in heaven, I couldn't help thinking that that was something Mis' Brown would have to get used to, for she'd never had none of it here."

"She'd have been awful pleased with the flowers. They was pretty, and no mistake. Yer see the Deacon wan't never willin' for her to have a flower bed. He said 'twas enough prettier sight to see good cabbages a-growing; but Mis' Brown always kind of hankered after sweet-smelling things, like sweet-peas and such."

"What did you say, Levi? Most time for supper? Well, land sake! so it is. I must have got to meditating. I've just been a-thinking, Levi, you needn't tell the minister anything about me. If the pancakes and pumpkin pies are good, you just say so as we go along. It ain't best to keep everything laid up for funerals.—Word and Works."

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RUMFORD FALLS.

Miss Belle Young of the Rumford Falls teaching force, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in South Livermore.

Miss Geneva Hutchins has resigned her position as principal of the primary grade in Mechanic Falls to accept a position in the Virginia school. Miss Hutchins is the daughter of C. M. Hutchins who was formerly principal of the Rumford Center High school. Miss Hutchins has relatives here, and in her visits here has made many friends who will be glad to know that she is to assume this position.

The condition of the Hon. Milton G. Shaw of Bath, is slightly improved. Mr. Shaw is one of Maine's foremost lumbermen and a large owner of real estate in the State. He owns several large buildings at Rumford Falls, including Hotel Rumford.

Miss Ina Hillman who has been detained from her work in the telephone office by illness for some time, has returned to her position.

Mr. and Mrs. Payson Smith and son left last week for Auburn where they will make their home hereafter.

Miss Lena Reed of Auburn, who has been assisting at the telephone office, returned home the 15th.

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GROVER HILL.

Clyde Whitman has employment in Milan, N. H.

Levi N. Bartlett has been hauling hay from his farm here to his stand on Bethel Hill.

N. A. Stearns is suffering from the effects of an injured eye. Billy Smith has finished working for Whitman Bros.

A. B. Grover has been hauling wood for Peter Wheeler.

Dr. I. H. Wight was in this place Friday.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

STATE OF MAINE.
County of Oxford, ss.
November 27th, 1903.
Taken this twenty-seventh day of November A. D. 1903, on execution dated November seventh A. D. 1903, issued on a judgment rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court, for the County of Oxford, at a term thereof begun and held on the second Tuesday of October A. D. 1903, to-wit, on the thirtieth day of October A. D. 1903, in favor of Eugene L. Tebbets and Nora P. Libby, both of Auburn, in the County of Androscoggin, in said State, and Leila Tebbets of Lisbon, in said County of Androscoggin, copartners in business under the firm name of E. L. Tebbets & Co., against Isaac A. Cushman, of Bethel, in said County of Oxford, for thirty-seven dollars and eighty-four cents debt or damage, and sixteen dollars and ninety-eight cents costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction, at the office of Herrie & Park, in Bethel, in said County, to the highest bidder, on the thirty-first day of December A. D. 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title and interest which the said Isaac A. Cushman has and had in and to the same on the twentieth day of December A. D. 1902, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to-wit:—a certain parcel of land bounded southerly by land of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, northerly by land occupied by Eli F. Cushman, easterly by land of Edgar E. Chase and land of J. Gayton Abbott or formerly of said Abbott, said land being the homestead of the late Jonathan Abbott, also another parcel of land in said Bethel, bounded northerly by land of said Railway Company, northerly by the Carter Meadow, so called, owned by Miss Dorcas Cushman, southerly by land known as the Walker Meadow, southerly by land of Rufus J. Virgin, said parcel being known as the Needham Meadow. The two parcels above described being same named in mortgage of said Cushman to Bethel Savings Bank, dated Nov. 17th, 1894, and recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, book 225, page 290, and said mortgage is supposed to have covered the parcel next herein described also. Attached on the writ in the same suit, to-wit:—a certain piece of land or parcel of land containing about twenty acres more or less, situated in said Bethel on the northerly side of the road leading from Bethel village to Walker's Mills but not on said road and bounded northerly by land of R. J. Virgin and land of Edgar E. Chase, southerly by land of Seth Walker, easterly and northerly by land occupied by Eli F. Cushman, said parcel being owned by Ellen Cushman, said parcel being a wood or timber piece not adjoining that part of the homestead farm on which the buildings stand but being separated from it by a strip of land occupied by said Eli F. Cushman. Also another parcel of land situated in said Bethel and bounded northerly by land of Gilman L. Blake, northerly by land formerly of Ira Cushman, known as the Needham Meadow, and the Carter Meadow, southerly by land of Fred L. Edwards, southerly by land of Gilman L. Blake, said parcel being the homestead farm of the said Isaac A. Cushman, as now occupied by him; together with all outlying parcels. 3199
MILTON PENLEY, Deputy Sheriff.

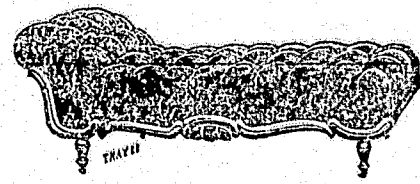
PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon, if they see cause.
NATHANIEL BEAN late of Brownfield, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Eli B. Bean, administrator.
ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

E. C. Vandekerckhoven.

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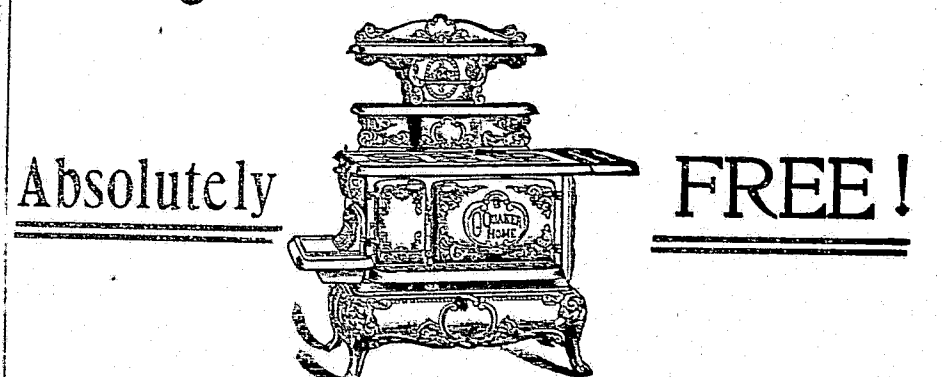
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Discovery of Gold.

AMUSING AND PATHETIC

Best in the Hills Discovered as the
Result of a Joke—Lucky Tender-
foot—Lost Gun and Found Rich
Mine—Found Fortune and Drop-
ped Dead.

Nearly every discovery of gold in the Black Hills has been made by accident, and a large number of the very discoveries were made by "tenderfoot" who didn't know gold unless stamped with the American eagle. As in almost all gold camps the first mines were placer ones, and the placers of Deadwood were famous in their day. But they worked out, and then began the hunt for the "lode" or the "vein." And some amusing incidents are told of how some of the mines were discovered.

The "Ragged Top" district, one of the very best in the Hills, was discovered as the result of a joke. The discoverer was a green prospector. He didn't know gold, and he knew he didn't. But he was doing his best to learn, and one day, while prospecting, he happened across some old hands at the business, and the tenderfoot asked their advice as to where to prospect, saying at the same time that it was a new business to him. The opportunity to "lode a tenderfoot" was too good, and could not be resisted. He was directed to the top of Ragged Top Mountain, composed of hard limestone, in which gold had never been known to exist. He thanked them, and proceeded to the mountain indicated. The joke was too good to keep, and when the party of prospectors returned to Deadwood they told their friends and enjoyed many laughs at the expense of the tenderfoot.

Three weeks later these same prospectors were working for that tenderfoot on the summit of Ragged Top, taking out ore worth hundreds of dollars per ton. The tenderfoot didn't know enough about gold to know that it never occurred in limestone in the Black Hills, so he tested it. It was one of the richest strikes in the Hills in late years, and made the tenderfoot rich, while several of the jokers are still working for day wages in his mine.

Billy Delaney, a youth from Madison, Wis., came into the Hills and immediately left for the discoveries on Elk Creek. He wanted a mining claim, but all the old California, Colorado and Montana prospectors had located on the north side of the stream, where the gold was, and they told Billy, jokingly, to go to the south side and get all the gold. He did both, and to-day his find, the Manila mine, is the best on the creek, and the old prospectors have passed on.

Tom Tierney, an early prospector, while out hunting and prospecting, was climbing over a reef of rock when his revolver slipped from his belt and fell to the base. He climbed down to the gun, picked it up, and at the same time picked up a piece of quartz. When he reached camp he analyzed it and found it very rich in gold. Early the next morning he staked a claim and there was a big stampede. His discovery made him wealthy.

T. R. Porter, an Omaha newspaper man, while tramping through the Hills with two old prospectors, was laughingly advised by them to take up a claim "over there by that big rock." Porter laughed and passed on. Three months later he passed that way again and saw a man from Deadwood whom he knew taking out gold-bearing sand worth \$1,000 per ton from "over there by that Rock." The Deadwood man is now wealthy; Porter is still "stringing."

The Lost Cabin mine, somewhere on the western slope of the Black Hills, has been searched for for twenty years and is still missing.

In addition to ludicrous and amusing incidents connected with gold discoveries in the Black Hills, there are others pathetic and pitiful. Fred Thompson was an old time prospector. He had been at it for years without making a stake, although many of his old associates had become wealthy. At last, six months ago, his time came, and he made a first class strike down in the Southern Hills. Standing in his little prospect hole, with his hands full of the yellow nuggets which would place him in a position of honor and wealth, the old prospector suddenly dropped his newly found gold threw up his hands and sank to the ground. When assistance reached him, he was dead. Heart disease, the doctor said, brought on through the excitement of the gold discovery. His claim went to strangers.

For nineteen years Henry Evans has prospected in the Black Hills. He has never made a single discovery and has been "grub staked" all those years. The old man is now bent and gray, but his eyes are bright and his spirit undaunted. He is absolutely sure that sometime or another he will strike it rich, and nothing could induce him to give up the life of a prospector. Four years ago the writer saw the old man working in a "hole" down in Spearfish Canon. Then old Evans was sure this would be his last hole; he had at last found his Eldorado. But the hole is now abandoned and Evans is working on another prospect in another part of the Hills. He has the "prospector's fever" and rarely does the victim ever recover.

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While the world moves we should move with it but too many men get the idea that they are moving the world.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema, or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

You must travel the road of economy if you reach the state of wealth.

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UPTON.

Mrs. Ingalls Evans of Paris, is caring for her sister, Mrs. Carrie Lane, who is confined to her room and is unable to sit up much.

Paul West's youngest child is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vail have gone to Newry for the winter.

Alva Coolidge and family are in the woods at Blanchard's works, where Mr. Coolidge has employment.

Mrs. Ellsworth Lombard and children have moved into the woods near the Tyler opening where Mr. Lombard has a job hauling poplar.

The Grange entertainment the 12th was well attended, a large number from the logging camps being present. The net proceeds amounted to more than forty dollars—the beginning of a fund for a Grange hall.

A Christmas entertainment and tree is next on the program.

Rev. Edward Tuck has been quite ill for some days, and was unable to be here the 13th, but hopes to be with us at Christmas and the Sunday following.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

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EAST BETHEL.

J. M. Bartlett has returned home from work at Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Olive Bartlett is staying with Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett.

Mrs. May Darling is spending the winter with Mrs. F. J. Russell.

Mr. N. F. Swan is spending the winter in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Etta Bean has gone to Norway to do dressmaking a few weeks.

Mr. A. M. Bean has connected with the telephone corporation and had an instrument put in his new house.

Mr. J. M. Bean recently purchased a span of nice horses of Andrews & Co., Norway.

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WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Christmas greetings to all. More snow is wanted by lumbermen.

A short but smart thaw came Sunday.

Icy roads make blacksmiths rejoice.

Geo. W. Briggs of Albany, was in this village Saturday.

A. J. Haskell can now supply his customers with corn and meal.

There will be a fine Christmas entertainment in Bell's hall Friday evening.

Changeable weather, and it takes only a few hours for mercury to rise or fall forty degrees.

The passenger train going east Friday afternoon was about five hours late, leaving here at 8.30.

W. F. Brown and wife visited relatives here last week, and Mrs. Brown is still with her brother, L. D. Grover and family.

When selecting Christmas gifts it should be borne in mind that a year's subscription to this paper is one of the best, and costs only \$1.25. E. R. Briggs is local agent.

Good for Children.

The pleasant to take and harmless One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief in all cases of Cough, Croup and LaGrippe because it does not pass immediately into the stomach, but takes effect right at the seat of the trouble. It draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes and cures permanently by enabling the lungs to contribute pure life-giving and life-sustaining oxygen to the blood and tissues. Dr. Armstrong of Della, Tex., prescribes it daily and says there is no better cough remedy made. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

ANDOVER.

We have had a few days of zero weather—Dec. 20 a snow storm followed by rain.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bailey attended the State Grange in Waterville. Mr. Bailey was delegate from Lobe Mt. Grange.

Mr. R. A. Grover started his dower mill Monday. Mina Stevens will assist Mrs. Grover in the house.

Floyd Searle is setting the engine in Jacob Thurston's mill at Roxbury, and Webb Learned is assisting him.

Mr. Nathan Akers and wife are located in Milford, N. H. Mr. Akers is agent for the Springfield Correspondence school.

Miss Bertha Poor will have a visitation of the parents at her school, the primary grade, the 23d when the pupils have a Christmas tree.

Mrs. L. F. Jones left Tuesday morning for Winthrop. She has closed her house for the winter.

Miss Alice Bedell is spending her vacation at her home. She will resume her school at Rumford Falls Dec. 28.

Mrs. Clayton Sweatt is improving.

There is quite a water famine. Many of the farmers take their stock to the brooks and rivers.

HANOVER.

Herbert Russell has finished work, as brakeman on the Maine Central railroad, and will run the engine for Z. W. Bartlett in his mill on Ellis river this winter.

School in this town opened last Monday, under the instruction of Miss Rice.

Mrs. L. A. Folson of Milan, N. H., visited relatives here last week.

W. B. Russell is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Chase at South Bethel.

W. C. Thomas is working for Forest Howe.

Ralph Harlow and wife of Bethel, visited at Forest Howe's Sunday.

Helen Bartlett of East Bethel, is spending a few weeks with Helen Staples.

A big rush at J. B. Roberts' store on Christmas goods. Georgia Abbott is helping in the store and house.

Solon Putnam and Rufus Farnham have changed their boarding place from Fred Silver's to Mrs. Emily Frost's. The teacher also boards with Mrs. Frost.

Mrs. Elmer Howe is confined to the house with a severe cold and slight heart trouble.

Arthur Howe has finished work in Upton and returned home.

Birchard Russell is having a vacation from his labors in the logging woods.

The rain of Sunday afternoon and evening made quite an addition to the water supply for which many people will be very glad.

Edith Powers brings the scholars from the upper district to the village school.

E. O. Hayford is cutting pine for W. H. Hopkins.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

NEWRY CORNER.

Bear River Grange, No. 285, at their last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Master—Carl W. Godwin.
Overseer—John Allen.
Lecturer—Mrs. C. H. Powers.
Steward—Don Smith.
Assistant Steward—Sumner Davis.
Chaplain—John Saunders.
Treasurer—T. H. Jowett.
Secretary—A. T. Powers.
Gate Keeper—Albert Bailey.
Cores—Mrs. Sumner Davis.
Poinona—Mrs. Carl Godwin.
Flora—Lena Bailey.
Ladies Assistant Steward—Mrs. Don Smith.

The Grange sent their Master and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey, as delegates to the State Grange recently held in Waterville.

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BRYANT POND.

Postoffice hours are from 7.30 a. m. to 7.30 p. m.

The Christmas festival at the Baptist church will be Friday evening instead of Thursday evening. All are invited to bring their presents to put on the tree.

Mrs. Herman Billings spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Bryant.

Arthur Cushman is teaching the Billings Hill school.

Helen Cushman is staying with her sister, Mrs. John Welch, at Rumford Falls.

Mrs. Deshon of Auburn, is visiting at her son Fred's.

James Farnum and Fred Deshon went to Gilead deer hunting near the close of the open season and shot a deer apiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Houghton will stop at Frank Cushman's this winter.

Miss Eva McAllister has been quite sick, but is convalescing.

Mrs. Emily Felt attended State Grange at Waterville last week, and will visit her aged mother at Freeport before she returns home.

Mont Leach and nephew of Watertown, were guests at John Titus' recently.

Harry McNally and wife have moved into Reuben Whitman's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman of Boston, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ricker.

The spool mill was shut down last week.

Robert Crockett has been laid up for some days by sciatica.

Eight from Jefferson Lodge, F. and A. M., visited Paris Lodge the 15th.

E. A. Clark, night operator, has been transferred to Island Pond. Mr. Black takes his place here.

The officers of Jefferson Chapter, O. E. S., will be publicly installed by Grand Matron, Mrs. Rose Johnson, of Gorham, on the evening of Jan. 1.

The Universalist dramatic club of West Paris, presented the drama entitled, "Under the Laurels," at Grange hall, Friday evening, Dec. 18.

One Hundred Dollars

is the value H. A. Tisdale, Sumner, Conn., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

GRAFTON.

E. B. Farrar was in Errol, N. H., one day last week.

Three men from Rumford Falls, were at S. W. Pratt's two days last week, while hunting deer.

John Sheriff has been staying at O. N. Brooks for several days.

Arthur and Elmer Parker are working for Mr. Pratt.

L. M. Blanchard of Newry, who has been procuring spruce gum, furs, etc., in the Magalloway and northeastern New Hampshire vicinities, has returned to his home.

The past week has been a cold one, unusually so for the early part of winter, the thermometer ranging from zero to thirty degrees below. The thaw of Sunday will be appreciated in many localities as water is very low.

The Lone Star State.

Down in Texas at Yoakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that logy feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

NOTICE.

Patrons of the Bethel postoffice are reminded that all letters addressed to people on R. F. D. route must have a two-cent stamp. 28

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You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks

Cherry Pectoral

up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand.

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For Throat, Lungs

Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Clarence Briggs and Ellsworth Wibbur have gone to Andover.

Norman Sanborn has closed his work here.

C. G. Beckler and Will Inman each secured a deer recently.

Round Mountain Ladies' Club met with Mrs. Geo. Grover the 12th. The meeting was very interesting, showing that the Club in spite of difficulties has held its own and advanced very noticeably. The next meeting is to be at Mrs. F. H. Wardwell's, Dec. 26.

Miss Nora Coates and Fern Johnson visited Mrs. W. I. Beckler recently.

J. C. Billings and Fritz Tyler have been in town in behalf of the R. F. D. route.

Luke Moore, formerly of this town, now of Norway, is in very poor health.

Austin Hutchinson recently made a business trip to Sweden.

C. P. Pingree is doing a good business selling meat.

Mr. Allen, the fur buyer, was in Auburn, recently.

W. I. Beckler attended the State Grange in Waterville.

Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take.

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NEWRY.

W. F. Small and Frank Douglass put in their ice last Saturday.

Fred Taylor has returned from his trip to Wilson's Mills.

Walter Powers has been quite sick with rheumatism, so he is not able to work in his blacksmith shop.

Corydon Powers of Caribou, is visiting friends and relatives in this town and Hanover.

A. E. Bailey and wife have returned from Waterville, where they went to attend the State Grange.

J. S. Allen and wife are rejoicing over a baby daughter.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children,

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They NEVER FAIL. At all druggists, 25c Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olney, Le Roy, N. Y.

NORTH NORWAY.

Woodbury Russell and wife have gone to Berlin, N. H., for the winter.

E. L. Elliott and wife have moved from their cottage to their village residence.

Mrs. Stephen Merrill is quite ill. Asa Needham is working for Frank Barrett.

Some of our citizens have been hauling ice.

O. Brown, Will Pierce and H. Greenleaf are having their apples packed by R. L. Cummings' crew.

School was postponed recently, on account of the illness of the teacher.

Mrs. F. A. Hunt has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit relatives.

Gilbert Russell and family of Auburn, are visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Curtis have moved to West Paris for the winter.

New Hats

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You will be able to find a beautiful hat here.

If it isn't just suited to you, we'll fix it as you want it. And there are Ribbons and Ribbons, all colors and widths. Am sure your complexion and your ideas can be suited, as I have a complete line of Ribbons.

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Toilet Sets in French Stag, Ebony, and Aluminum pearl inlaid, also Ivoroid in handsome Celluloid Cases,	Photo Frames, Dolls, Books, Booklets, Calendars and Cards, a good assortment, Fancy Boxes of Choice Confectionery,
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One pair of well-matched, dark red mares, good workers, good drivers, eight years old, weight 2200 lbs., one dark red driving horse, seven years old, weight 1100 lbs.; also one pair of red horses, good workers, good drivers, weight 1900 lbs. Call on or address,

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Farm for Sale.

Farm of 120 acres situated in Hanover and well divided as to tillage, pasture and wood land. Two-story house of ten rooms, large ell and good barn with cellar under same. Good running water in house and barn. For particulars inquire of M. J. Swain on premises.

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We have a stock of heavy horses, and some good, sound, nice team horses for sale at prices that are satisfactory to the buyer.

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In the road near Bethel Hill, a pair of men's rubbers. Owner can have same by addressing

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THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

So far as we can learn the verdict was unanimous that the concert on Thursday evening, the 17th, was a great success. It was anyway, whatever opinions individuals may have held.

The music was of an high order and the reading was well up to the grade. We may be justly proud of our local talent.

To begin with, the selections from the phonograph were especially clear and distinct—we thus had talent from New York brought to our doors.

The anthem by the West Bethel Quartet was much enjoyed. This quartet is composed of Mrs. Rosa Bean McLain, soprano; Mr. McLain, bass; Mrs. Maude O'Reilly, alto, and Mr. Dennison, tenor. The last named is a singer of no mean ability. The solo by Mrs. McLain, "I Have Read of a Beautiful City," was by special request, and was thoroughly appreciated.

We have been pleased with her singing as often as we have heard her. The whole quartet makes a favorable impression, and for a rural church choir ranks high. Miss Addie Gordon, the church organist, played the accompaniment.

The mandolin selections by Miss Norton, a teacher at Gould's Academy, were highly enjoyed. Miss Norton is a master of this instrument, and with the organ accompaniment by Miss Hall, makes very pleasing music.

And who shall say that we have not a reader of talent and one of much promise? Miss Bisbee (our Helen) holds our attention and commands our interest when she speaks. Her selection entitled, "The Queen of the Dump," was very appropriate.

In this evening's entertainment like that at Cana of Galilee, the best of the musical wine was reserved till the last; not intentionally, however. It came as a surprise, with no thought at all of making invidious comparisons, we may certainly be pardoned for saying that the masterpiece of the evening was the last solo sung by Miss Jane Gibson. "She never sang so well before," was said by some. As to the truth of this we are not in position to speak; we can only say, her singing was magnificent on this occasion.

With such singers as Miss Gibson, Mrs. McLain, Mr. Dennison, Prof. Wight and others, Bethel need not be ashamed to range her talent beside others in the arena of music.

But this was not all there was to this Christmas gathering; the barrel set to be filled with gifts for the poor and needy was speedily filled and overflowed. The gifts brought were above the average of gifts on such occasions. Many were new articles. The people or at least some seemed to catch the spirit of the occasion and responded generously.

On Saturday morning we were able to ship to Portland Deaconess Home, for distribution on Christmas Day, a large barrel of gifts and to the Deaconess Home and Hospital at Boston a good sized box of gifts and some money. The whole plan was laid out in the name of Christ and He evidently blessed the undertaking.

May we ever so observe this anniversary of the "Unspeakable Gift" which was made to us.

Lost.

On Tuesday evening in Bethel village a gold brooch set with pearls and a diamond. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the News office.

Notice.

Having leased the blacksmith shop formerly occupied by J. C. Billings, I desire to state to the public that I am prepared to do shoeing and general blacksmith work at the old prices.

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PROBATE NOTICE.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates,

hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in THE BETHEL NEWS, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

CHARLES S. BROWN, late of Bethel, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by Elery C. Park, administrator.
MARIA P. ATTHERTON, ward of Bethel, fourth and final account presented for allowance by Charles D. Atterson, guardian.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN BARKER, late of Bethel, in said County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of MARIA J. ATTHERTON, late of Bethel, in said County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Judge of said Court,
Dec. 15, 1903.
A true copy—attest.
ALBERT D. PARK, Registrar.

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C. A. LUCAS, BETHEL, ME.

The Cold Weather

Will be in evidence for several months longer. Are you prepared for it with plenty of clothing? This store is full of warm and durable clothing for men and boys. Fur coats in quite a number of grades, dogskin, wombat, Russian, calf etc., \$13 to \$23. Canvas and woolen coats, lambskin lined, wide collars \$3, \$4 and \$5. Heavy, all wool, pontiac frocks and shirts \$2.25. All styles in desirable underwear 50 cents to \$1.50. All sizes in John-son pants \$3 and \$3.50.

H. B. FOSTER,
NORWAY, - - - MAINE.

BURNT WORK

As a Fitting Addition to Our

HOLIDAY GOODS

We have recently put in a nice line of burnt work including Card Cases, Panels, Placques, Picture Frames, Nut Bowls, Calendar Holders, Jewel Boxes, Match Safes, Handkerchief Boxes, etc., etc. Just the things for Christmas. Come in and look them over.

CHINA

We also have our usual complete line of China and glass ware, including Water Sets, Berry Sets, Four-Piece Sets, Bon-Bon Dishes, Cake Plates, Salad Dishes, Bread and Milk Sets, Chocolate Pitchers, Cups, Saucers and Plates, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Fancy Lamps, Hall Lamps and Toilet Sets.

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For Useful Holiday Gifts

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FOOTWEAR

in the County, and one of the largest in the State. Also Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases, and you will find our prices right.

Yours truly,

Smiley Shoe Store, Norway, Maine.

E. N. Swett, Mgr. and Salesman. F. W. Faunce, Salesman.
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We will make mention of a few useful articles:

A beautiful Morris Chair, velvet cushions, broad arms, claw feet, golden oak finish, \$8.75
A Bissell's Carpet Sweeper, guaranteed, \$2.50
Roger Brothers' Warranted Silver Spoons, \$1.35 per dozen
Roger Brothers' Warranted Silver Knives, \$3.25 per dozen
Roger Brothers' Warranted Silver Forks, \$2.75 per dozen
Handsome Moquet Rugs, 27 x 44, \$1.80
Describe your color and we will send it to you on approval. All goods shipped on approval and money back if goods do not suit.

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